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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
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TACTICS PANEL

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1. PURPOSE: To establish a panel for development of new tactics to be employed by [REDACTED] aircraft, revise established/approved tactics as required, and to review tactics recommended for inclusion in the [REDACTED] Tactical Doctrine.

2. SCOPE: This procedure is applicable to:

a. Personnel assigned on orders as members of the Detachment Tactics Panel.

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b. Personnel requested by the President, Tactics Panel, to develop new tactics, review existing tactics, and/or prepare for inclusion in the [REDACTED] Tactical Doctrine specific tactics approved by the panel.

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3. RESPONSIBILITY: The President of the Tactics Panel is responsible to convene members of the Panel when items have been submitted for consideration, or when existing tactics appear to be unsatisfactory for operational employment. Rated members of the Commander's Staff, and rated personnel assigned to Staff Directorates, knowledgeable of [REDACTED] operations/capability, are responsible to submit [REDACTED] for review any tactic recommended to improve operational capability of the [REDACTED], or revision of any existing tactic included in the Tactical Doctrine. Copies of this Standard Operating Procedure will be forwarded to the Commander, 903d Air Refueling Squadron, Beale AFB, California. The Commander, 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, Beale AFB, California, has made available to the Commander, [REDACTED] members of the 903d ARS

to function as advisors/members of the Detachment Tactics Panel. The knowledge/experience level of the Senior Staff of the 903d ARS dictates the necessity of requesting representation from that unit as members/advisors of the Tactics Panel Board when air refueling tactics are being reviewed. The 903d ARS is encouraged to submit items for review by the Tactics Panel.

4. PROCEDURES:

a. Members of the Detachment Tactics Panel will:

(1) Be composed of following personnel:

(a) Deputy Commander for Operations, President

(b) Asst Deputy Commander for Operations, Member (Alt President)

(c) Chief, Standardization Division, Member

(d) Chief, Test/Coordination Branch, Standardization Division,

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(e) Chief, Mission Support Division, Member

(f) Chief, Flight Planning Section, Mission Support Division,

Member

(g) Project pilots as appropriate.

(2) Be on Detachment Orders as shown (1) above.

(3) Meet at the direction of the President.

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(4) When designated as OPR for item preparation to be published in Tactical Doctrine, complete preparation as expeditiously as possible and forward to President for further action.

Personnel not members of the Tactics Panel will forward to the President, Tactics Panel, in writing recommendations for new/revised tactics.

c. New/revised tactics considered feasible by the Panel will be flight tested as required. The President will forward the new/revised tactic to Test Coordination Branch, through Chief, Standardization Division for inclusion in the Detachment test programs. Dependent on the urgency of the need for the tactic, all test programs will be considered prior to establishment of tactic test priority. Upon completion of the tactic test, the Test Coordination Branch will return the results of the test to the President with recommendation for acceptance, change(s) as determined necessary by the test flights, or rejection. The Tactics Panel will be the deciding authority.

All final actions by the Tactics Panel will be forwarded to the Commander for approval.

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Upon approval by the Commander, the approved new/revised tactic will be included in the Tactical Doctrine. Preparation for publication will be as outlined in a(4) above.

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Colonel, USAF
Deputy Commander for Operations

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APPROVED:

Colonel, USAF
Commander

(a) Deputy Commander for Operations, Eastern

(b) Deputy Commander for Operations, Western

(c) Chief, Standardization Division

(d) Chief, Test Coordination Branch, Standardization Division

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